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Sunday, March 9, 2025

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Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



First Sunday of Great Lent, Sunday of Orthodoxy, The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. **Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through strict Fasting on the morning of the Liturgy, recent Confession and at peace with each other may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

SERVICES:

Sunday, March 9	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School & Fellowship (Orthodoxy Sunday)
Wednesday, March 12	5:00 PM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Fast from Noon)
Friday, March 14	5:00 PM: General Panikhida for the Departed faithful of the parish.
Saturday, March 15	4:30 PM: Parastas - Alexis Gancasz offered by Jeanne & John Cannon
Saturday, March 15	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, March 16	9:30 AM: Liturgy of St. Basil, Church School, Fellowship (St. Gregory of Palamas)
Sunday, March 16	5:00 PM: Lenten Mission @ St. Michael, Mt. Carmel
Wednesday, March 18	5:00 PM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Fast from Noon)
Friday, March 20	5:00 PM: General Panikhida for the Departed faithful of the parish.
Saturday, March 22	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Saturday, March 22	6:00 PM: Baptism of Kerry Lee Freedman
Sunday, March 23	9:30 AM: Liturgy of St. Basil, Church School, Fellowship (Veneration of Precious Cross)
Sunday, March 23	5:00 PM: Lenten Mission @ St. Nicholas, Lansford
Monday, March 24	5:00 PM: Great Compline, Litiya and Confessions
Tuesday, March 25	5:00 PM: Vespereal Liturgy, The Annunciation of Holy Theotokos
Wednesday, March 26	5:00 PM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Fast from Noon)
Friday, March 28	5:00 PM: General Panikhida for the Departed faithful of the parish.
Saturday, March 29	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, and Confessions
Sunday, March 30	9:30 AM: Liturgy of St. Basil, Church School, Fellowship (St. John Climacus of the Ladder)
Sunday, March 30	5:00 PM: Lenten Mission @ St. Mary's Church, Coaldale

Prayer List*: Mat. Lisa

Robert Boguski, Jeanne Cannon, Stephanie Chmel, Kaitlyn & Shannon Dmytrow, Anna Eltgroth, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, Rose Harkins, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Paul Macenka, Olga Martsyniv, Dave Mazaika, Tom McCarthy, Ron Pierce, Odess Remington, Millie O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Amanda Skripnek, Daniel Skripnek, Peter Weremedic

Prayer for Women and the Children to be Born of Them: Mena Maher.

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

Camp registration is Open

The Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania looks forward to St. Tikhon's Summer Camp, scheduled for June 29-July 5, 2025, with registration opened on Friday, February 14, 2025.

We need you to register our youths to be campers. We need to have staff and volunteer registrations, too. We cannot do this without our staff and volunteers! Regardless of your parish sending campers, they can still help in many other ways. DANIEL PECK welcomes volunteers. Helping with food preparation helps our other volunteers to be with the youth for other activities and builds relationships. Some parishes are choosing to donate prepared foods. Thank you. DANIEL PECK AND DIMITRI RESSATAR are on point to receive help in this manner!

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Fr. James Weremedic at 570-645-2772.
 Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles (March 9)

7-day Vigils-Altar: In memory of **Theresa Wyshosky** offered by Julia Forte

Altar Candles: In memory of **Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Mary Scarloss** offered by Stephanie Chmel

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **William Evetushick, Sr** offered by John & Mary Evetushick

March Birthdays: 1- Logan Leatherman, 6- Marie Kalavritinos, 7- Clarissa Buchanan, 14- Mary Hertzog, 18- Kerry Freeman, 21- Mildred O'Shura, 24- Olga Sidoriak,

Financials 3/2/2025: Operating Acct: Envelopes \$781, Non-envelope \$20, Altar Candles \$20, Candles \$65, Building Fund \$26, Holy Day \$125, Donations \$380, Fuel \$10

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.

Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

3/9 Helen King 3/16 John Evetushick 3/23 Michael Tatusko 3/30 Berezniak

We are not required to bring a tenth of our income to the Church; we can bring twenty, thirty, or even one-hundred percent, as did the poor widow (*Mark 12:42-43*). But we can start with a small step. We can at least bring as much as the Old Testament Hebrews, at least the ten percent that rightly belongs to God and not us. But if we don't have as much zeal for the temple of God as the Old Testament people had, then the Lord will accept and bless even seven or five percent or any other amount offered with a pure heart. **We must begin**

somewhere! [On Tithing | A Russian Orthodox Church Website \(pravmir.com\)](#)

How much is my tithe?!

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$38	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 Sunday of Orthodoxy TONE 4
First Sunday of Great Lent, The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

Luke 24: 1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 2 Troparion (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You: "You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, // by coming to save the world."

Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from you, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. // We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Your Name forever!
(Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3)

V. For You are just in all that You have done for us! *(v. 4)*

Tone 5 Prokeimenon (Holy 40 Martyrs)

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. *(Ps. 11:7)*

Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2 (Epistle)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy.

They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps. 98:6)

V. They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps. 98:7a)

Tone 4

V. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give to Him glorious praise! (Ps. 65:1)

John 1:43-51 (Gospel)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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